

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5772
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IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of proposals pending with the National Cooperative Development Corporation for improvement of Cooperative Sugar Mills in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the time by which decision is likely to be taken on these proposals; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of sugar mills in the U.P. State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The State-wise number of proposals pending with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for sanction of financial assistance towards modernization and expansion of the Cooperative Sugar Mills in the country is as follows:

Sl.No.	State	No. of Cooperative Sugar Mills
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1.	Maharashtra	3
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2.	Gujarat	1
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3.	Karnataka	2
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4.	Andhra Pradesh	2
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Total		8
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No proposal pertaining to the cooperative sugar mills of Uttar Pradesh is pending with the National Cooperative Development Corporation.

(b): The decision for modernization-cum-expansion of the above mills will be taken by the National Cooperative Development Corporation based on eligibility and techno-economic merit, after receipt of requisite information from the concerned State Government / Society.

(c): Since no proposal for grant of financial assistance from Cooperative Sugar Mills in U.P. is pending with NCDC, the question of providing financial assistance by NCDC does not arise. However, the Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (F&PD) to examine the cases of sick cooperative sugar mills and to recommend revival packages of potentially viable units. The Government is also considering to amend the Sugar Development Fund Rules, 1983 for providing financial assistance at concessional rate of interest to potentially viable sick sugar mills.